

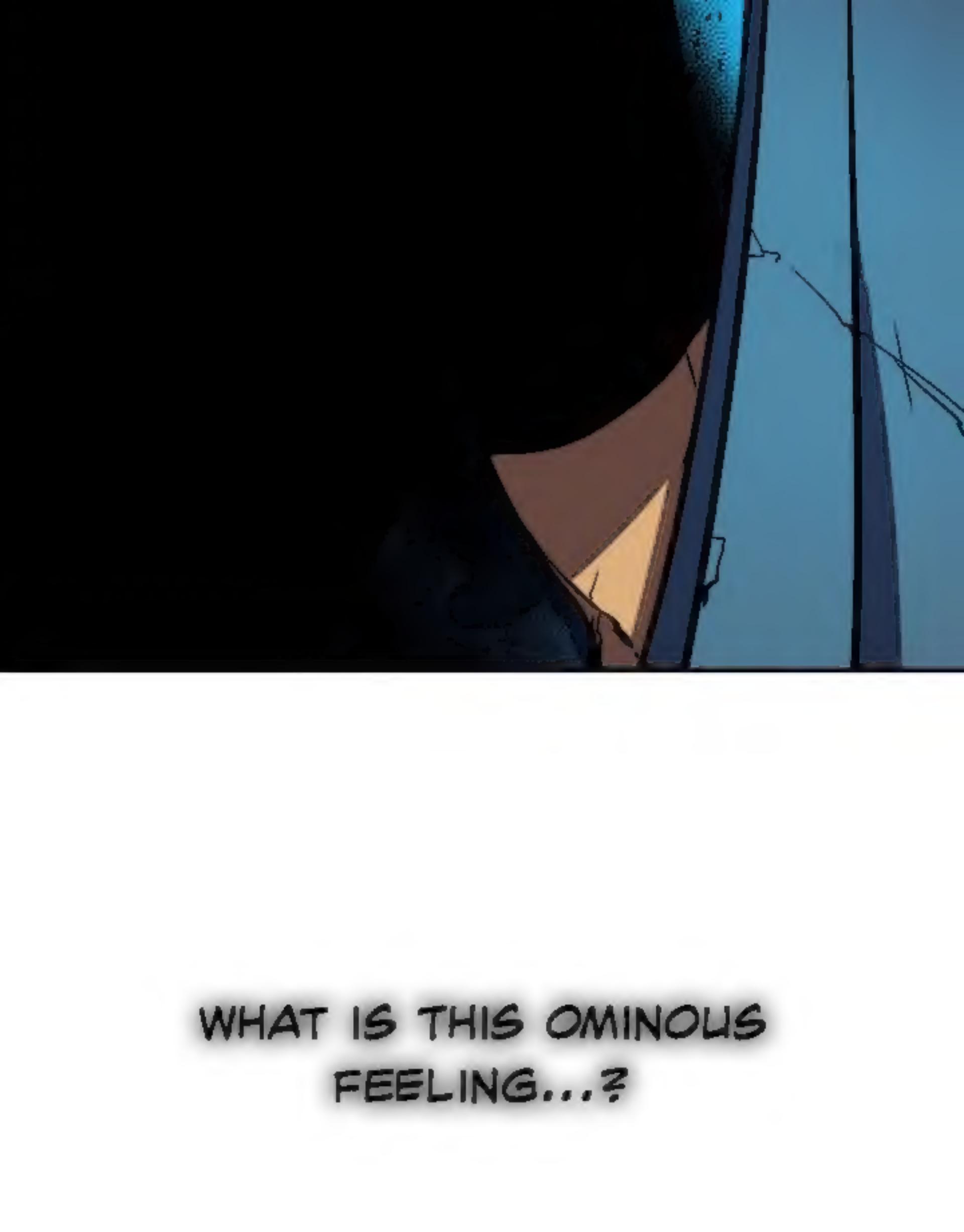
JINHO.

YOUR SWORD
AND SHIELD ARE
EXPENSIVE,
RIGHT?

WHAT?
OH, YES. MY DAD GOT
THEM FOR ME SINCE
THIS IS MY FIRST
RAID.

I'M NOT
TOO SURE,
BUT...

WHAT IS THIS?



WHAT IS THIS OMINOUS
FEELING...?

Solo Leveling

Art · DUBU (REDICE STUDIO)
Original Novel · Chugong
Story · h-goon

20

THE SIZE OF
A DUNGEON VARIES,
AND HAS NOTHING TO
DO WITH ITS RANK.

FOR MANY DAYS...

...AND TIMES WHEN
YOU MAKE IT TO THE
BOSS' LAIR IN A
MATTER OF HOURS.

BOSS

THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY NOTEWORTHY BATTLES IN THIS DUNGEON, BUT IT'S SHAPED LIKE A MAZE, SO WE'VE HAD TO SPEND A LOT OF OUR TIME WALKING.



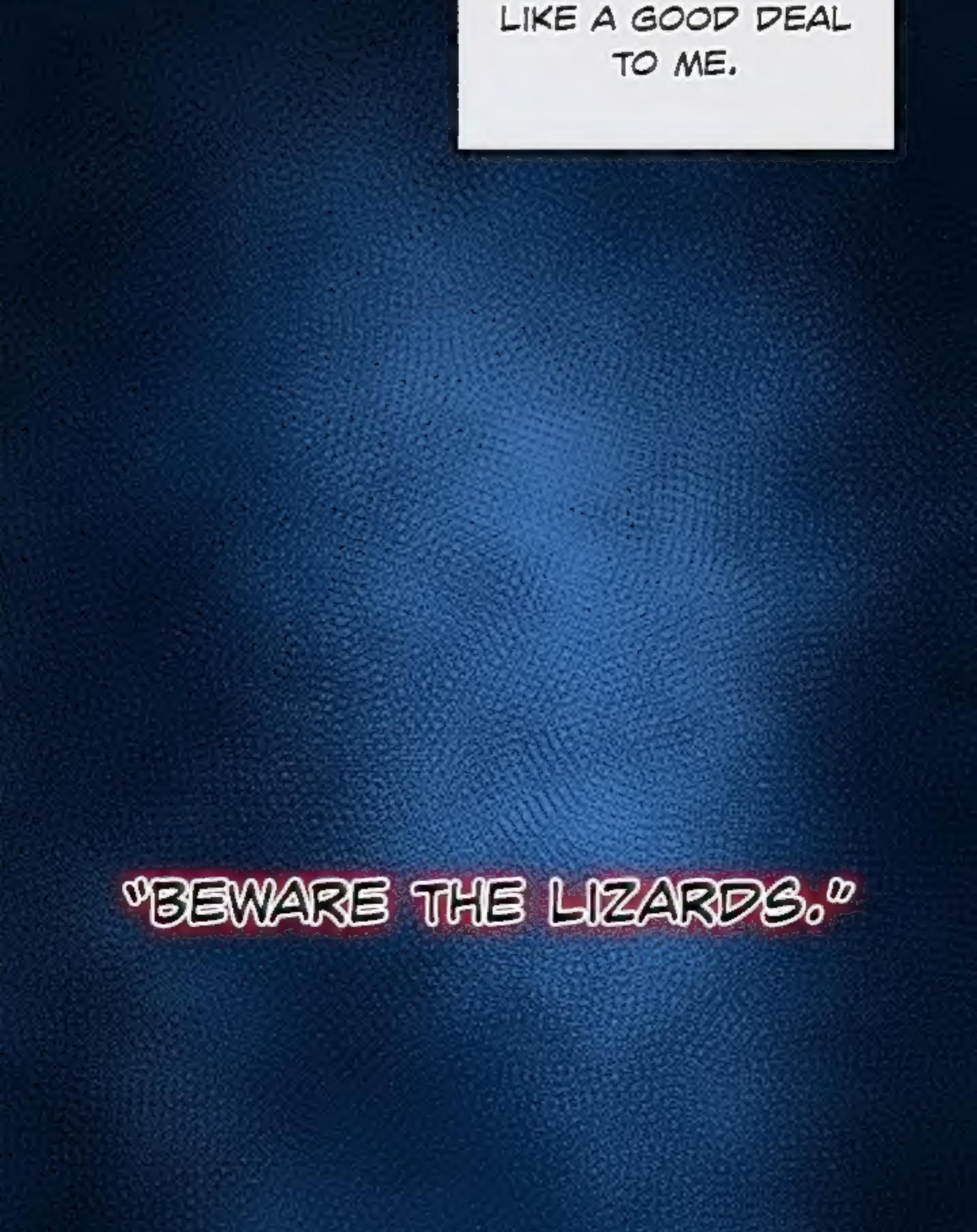
MY JOB IS
TO CARRY THE
BAGS.

AS LONG AS THINGS
DON'T GO WRONG,
THERE'S NO REASON
FOR ME TO TAKE
PART IN BATTLE.

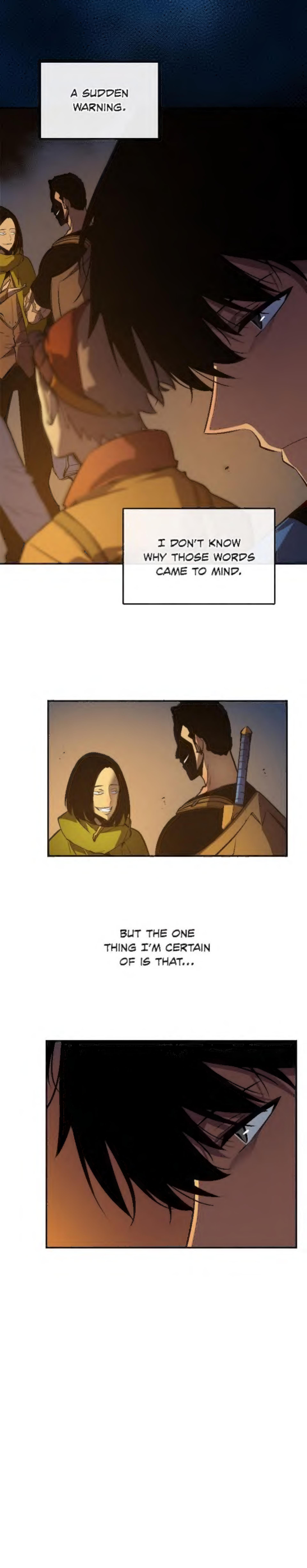


I'LL BE PAID
WITHOUT EVEN
FIGHTING...

IT SOUNDED
LIKE A GOOD DEAL
TO ME.



"BEWARE THE LIZARDS."

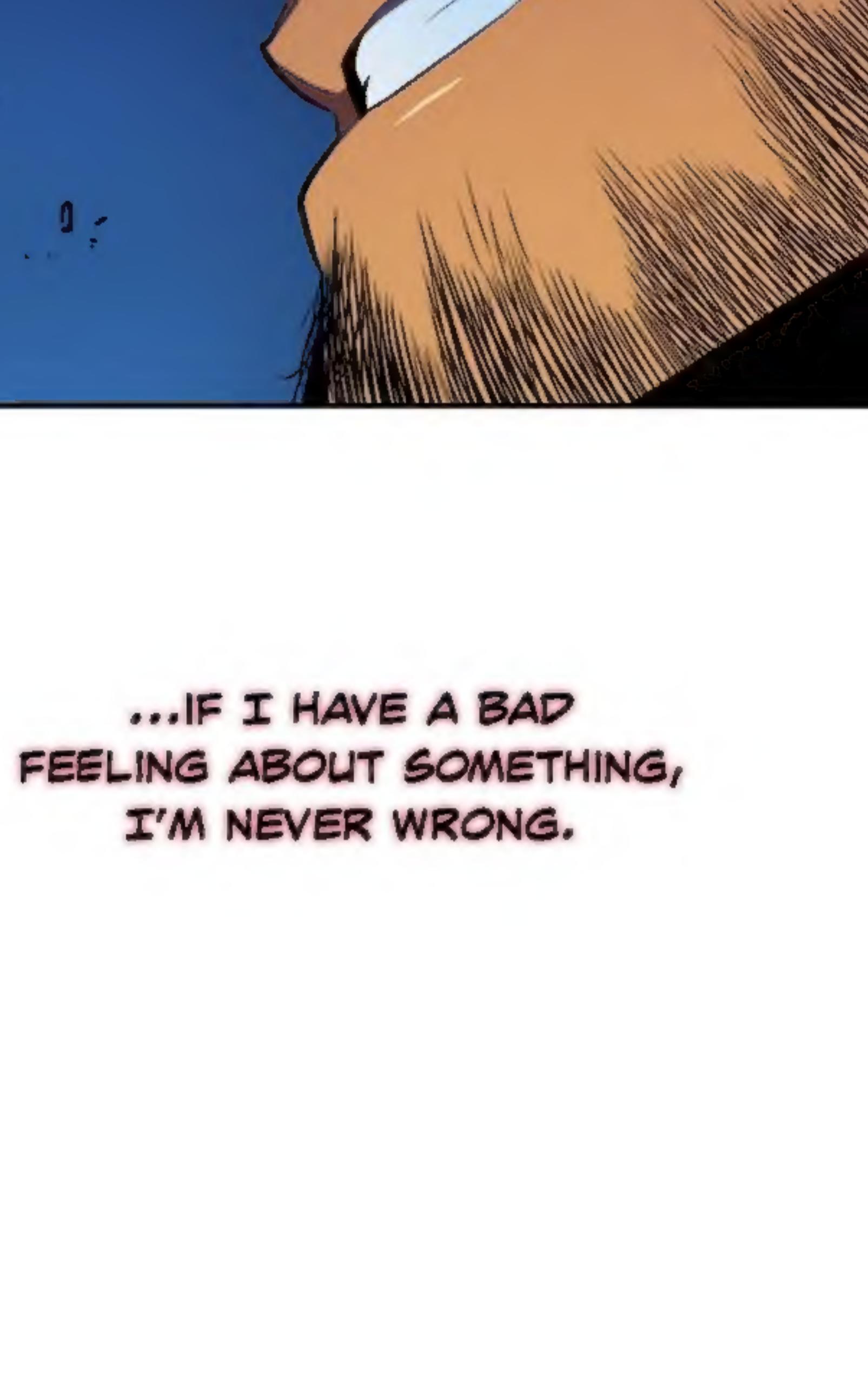


A SUDDEN
WARNING.

I DON'T KNOW
WHY THOSE WORDS
CAME TO MIND.

BUT THE ONE
THING I'M CERTAIN
OF IS THAT...



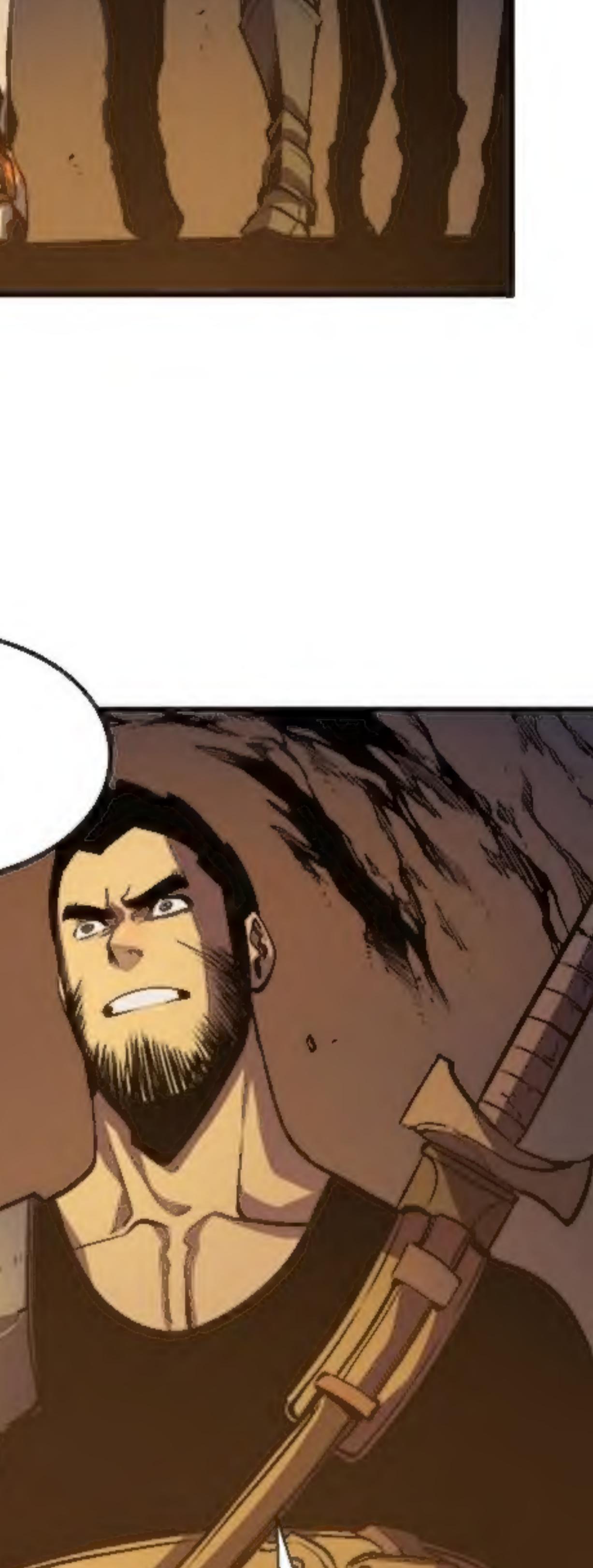


...IF I HAVE A BAD
FEELING ABOUT SOMETHING,
I'M NEVER WRONG.



THAT'S WEIRD.

WE'VE BEEN WALKING FOR A WHILE NOW, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN A SINGLE MAGIC BEAST WITH ALL FOUR LIMBS INTACT...



WE'VE ONLY COME ACROSS CORPSES, OR BEASTS THAT ARE ALREADY DYING.

THERE
SHOULD STILL BE
A BOSS, THOUGH,
RIGHT?

THE GATE
WOULDN'T BE OPEN
IF THERE WASN'T
A BOSS.

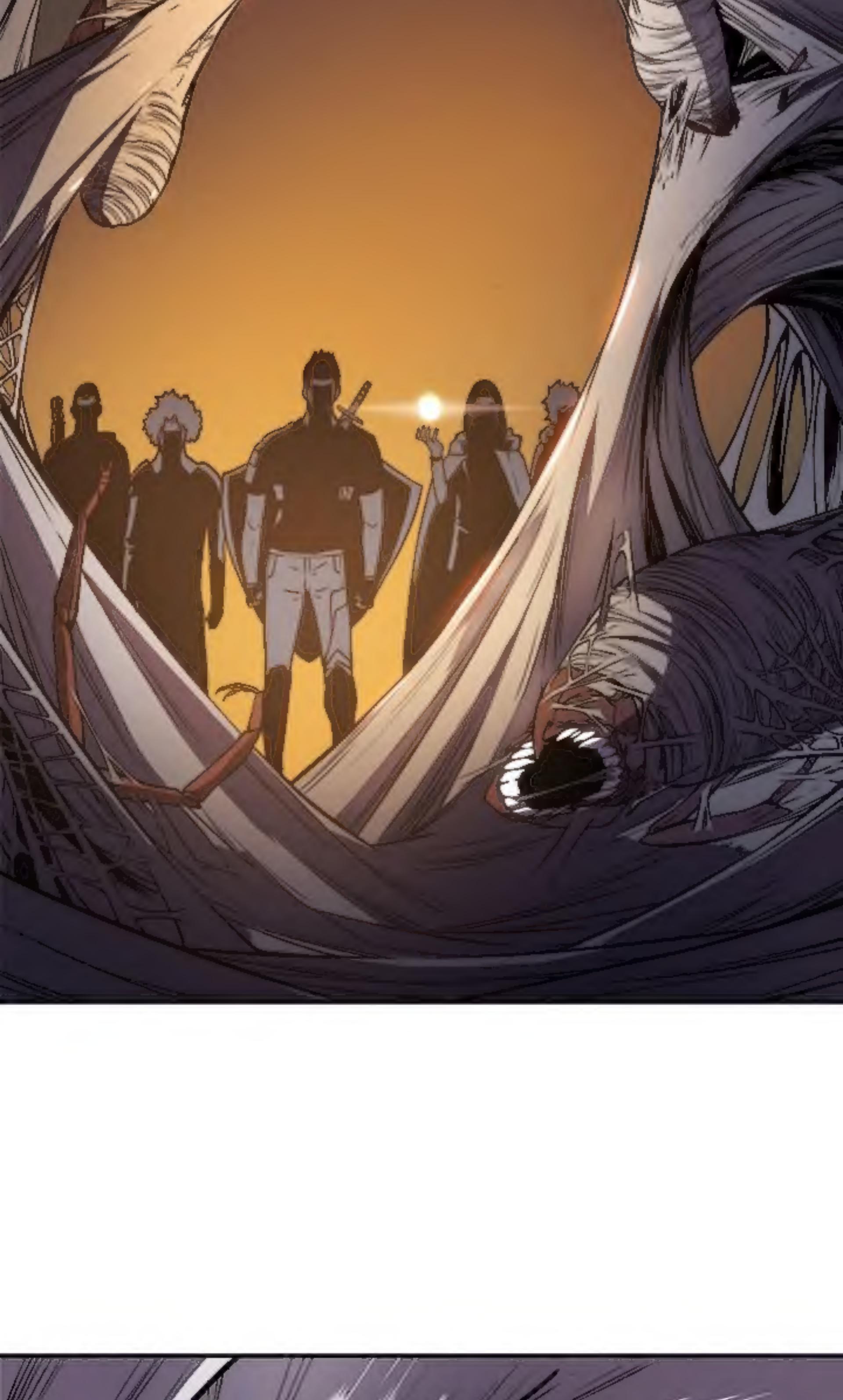
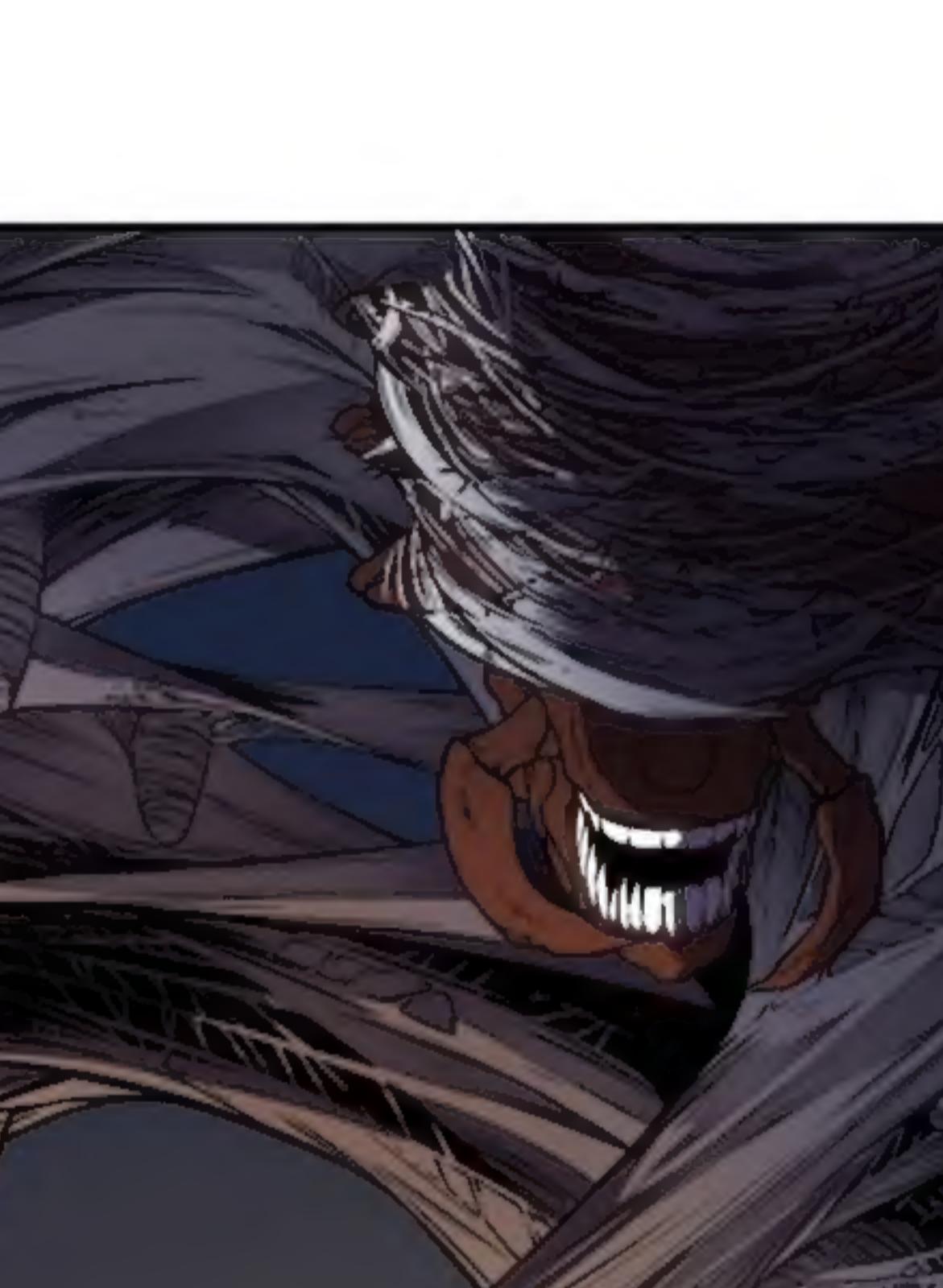
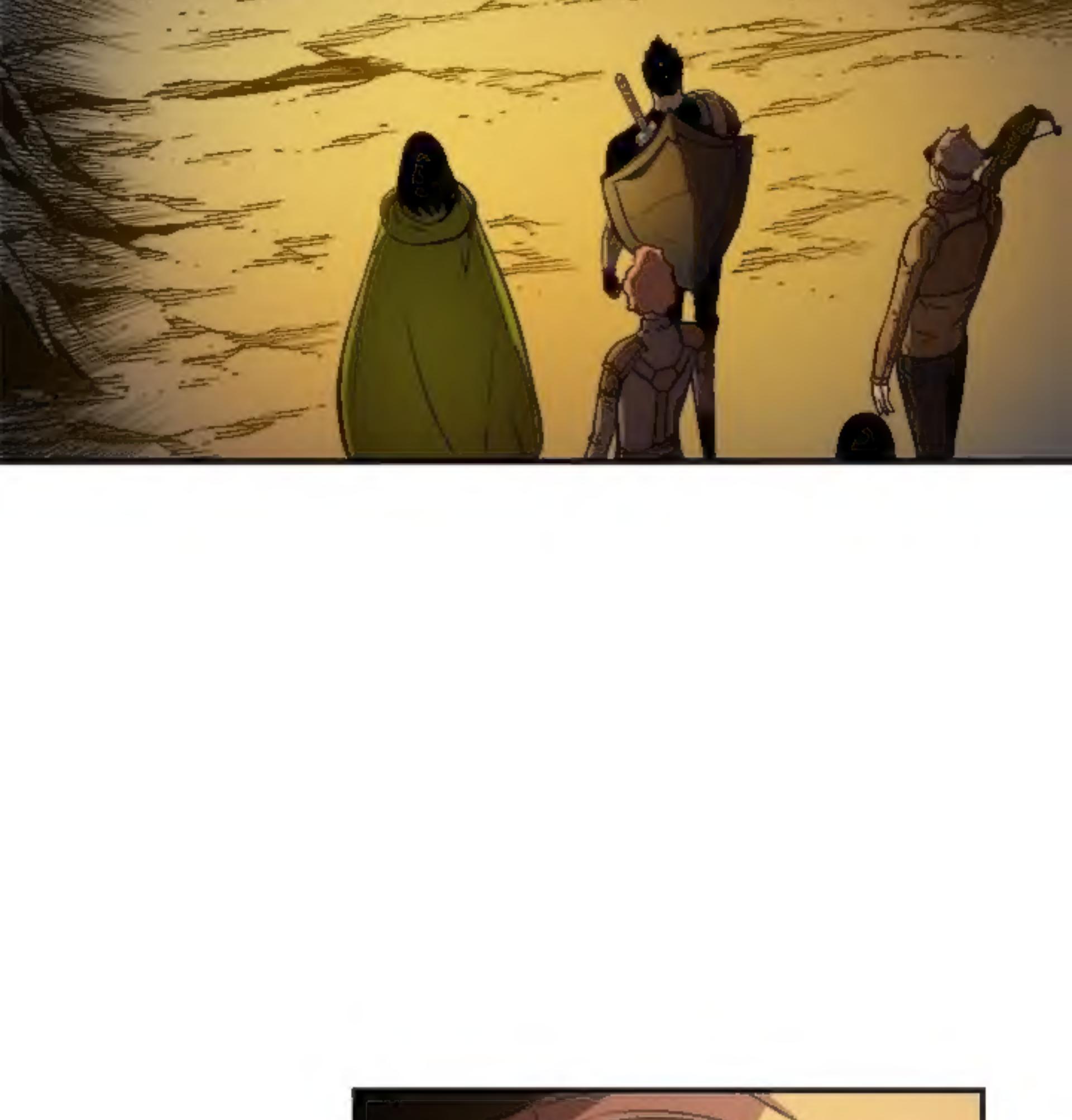
WAIT.

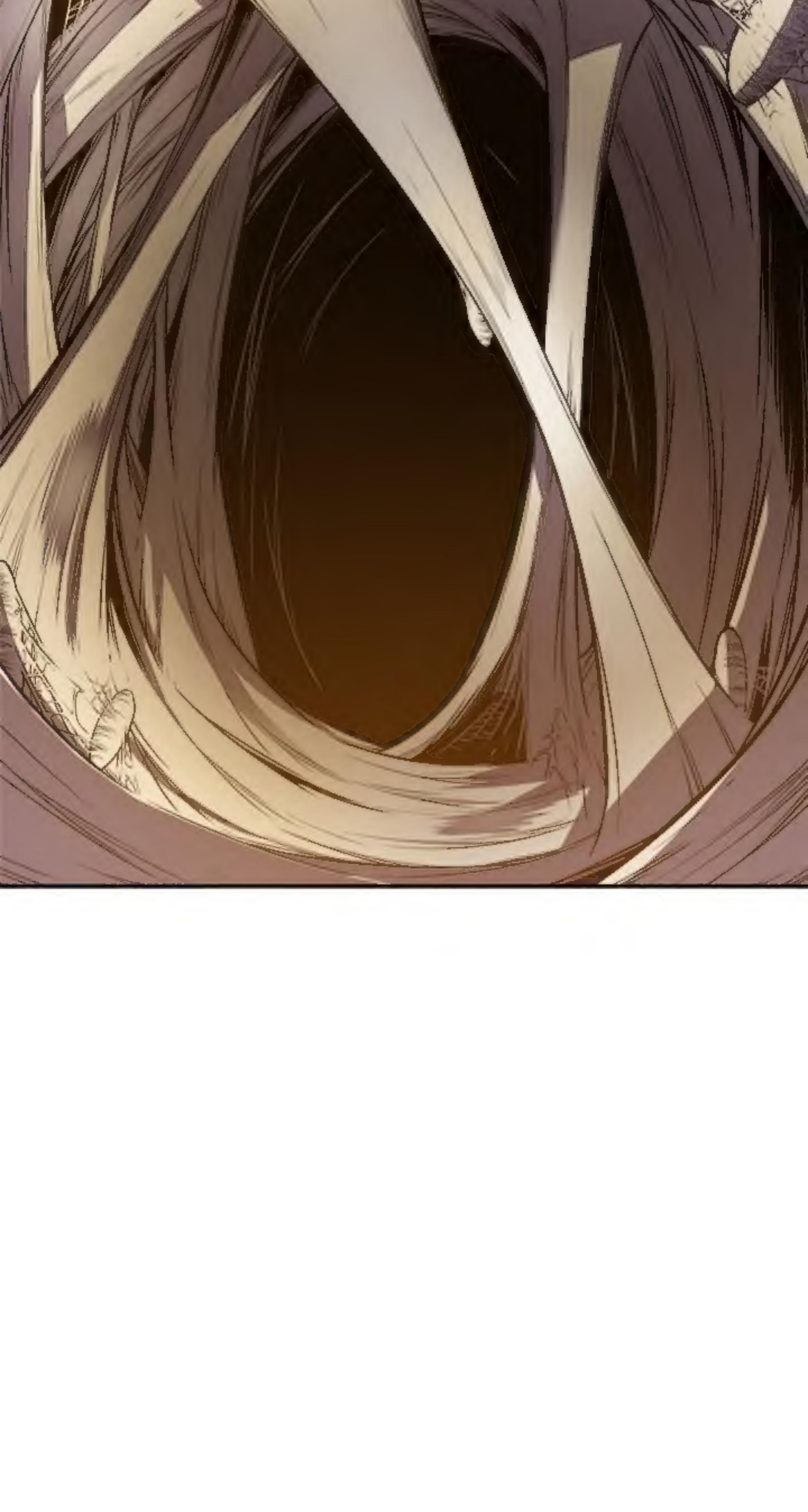
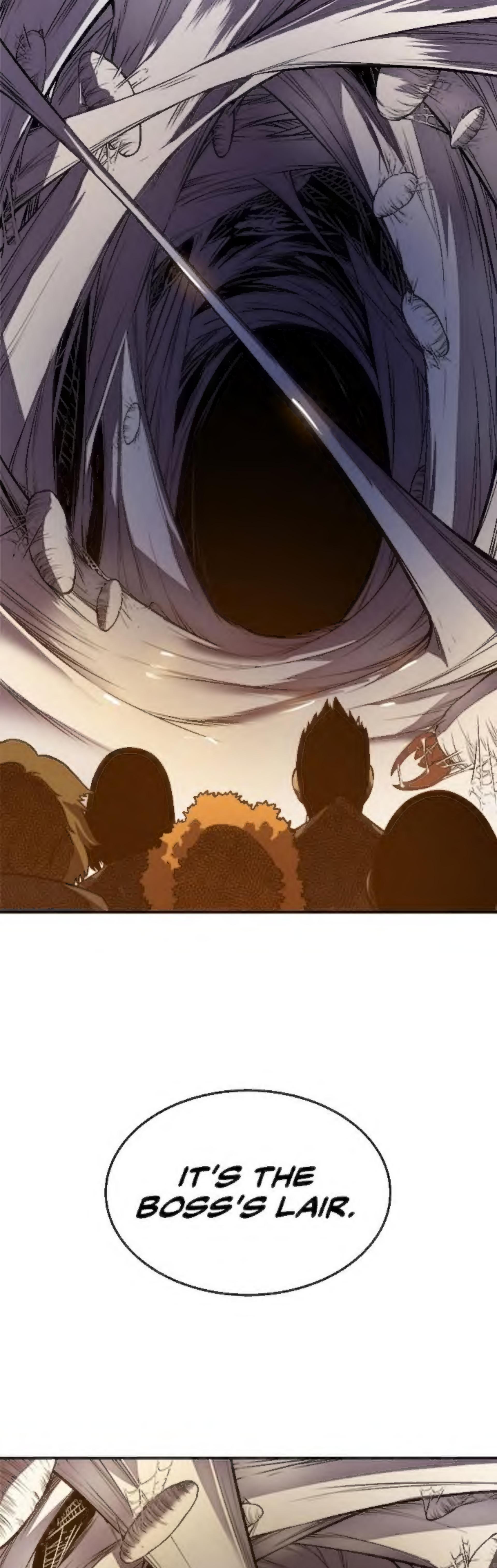
HALT

AHH!

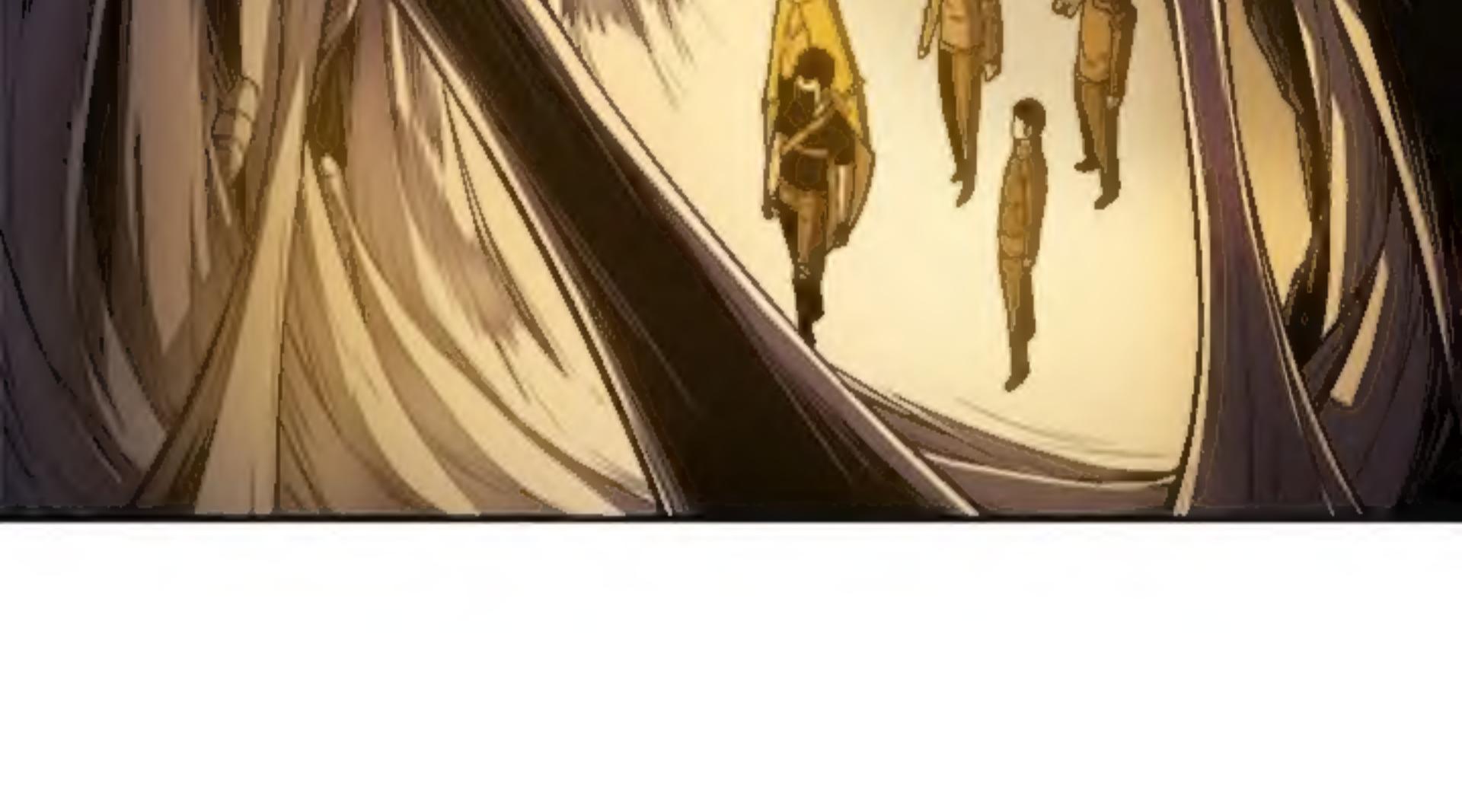
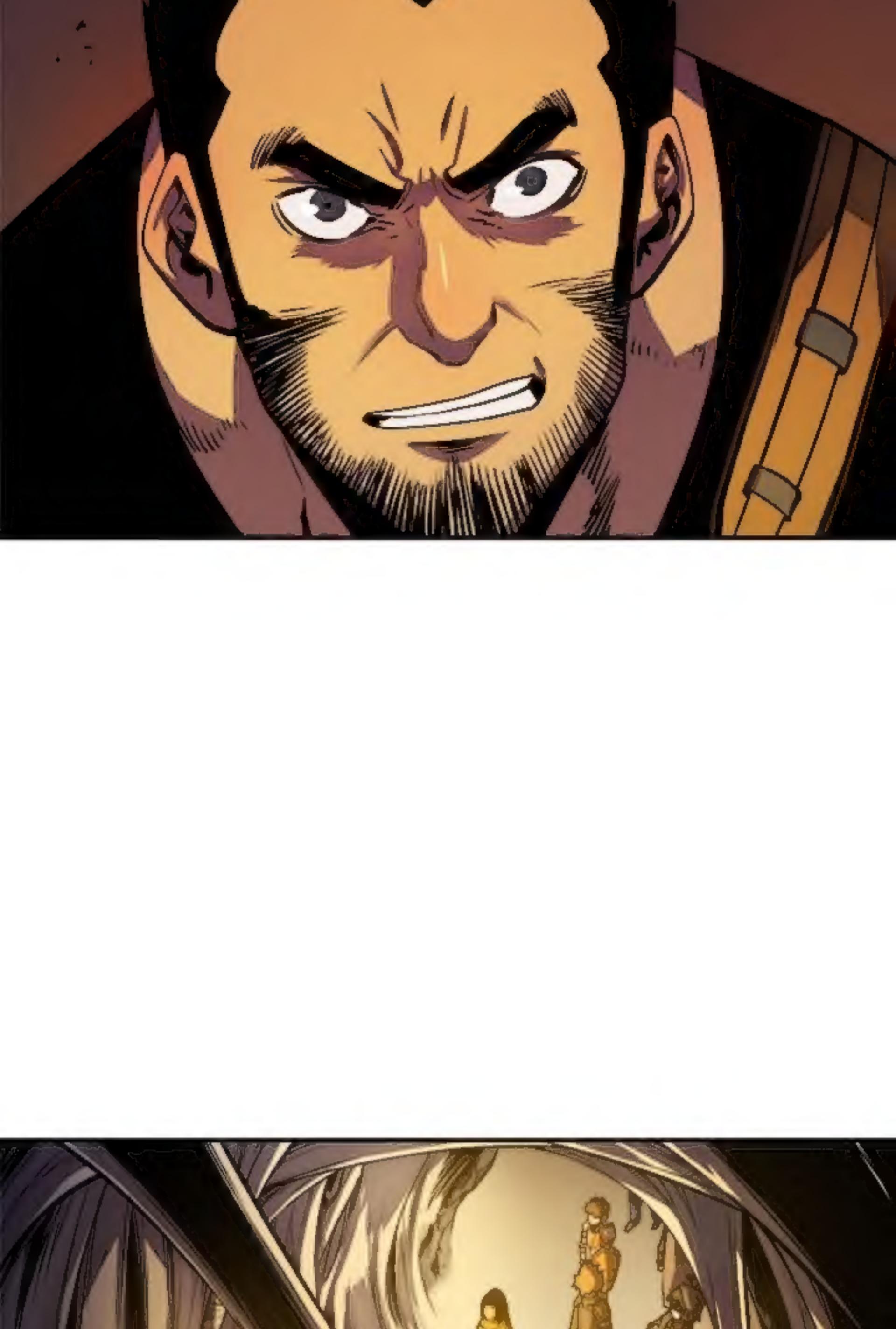
KYUHWAN, BRING
THE LIGHT OVER
THIS WAY.

?





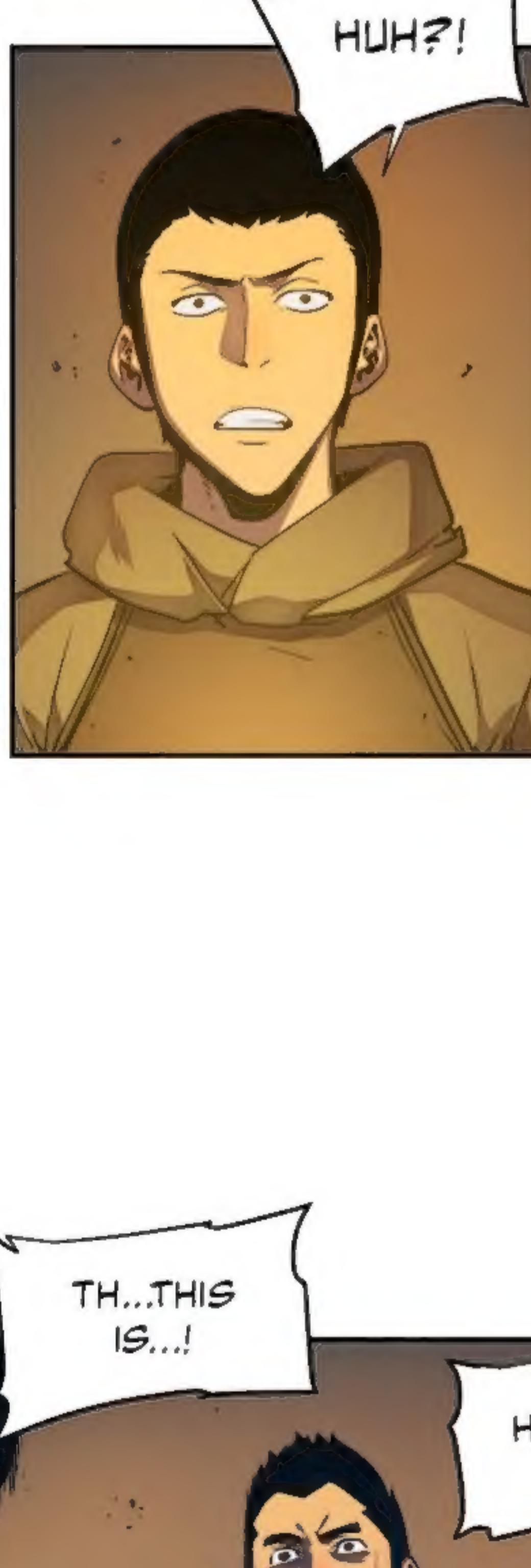
GET
READY.



TH...THIS

IS...!

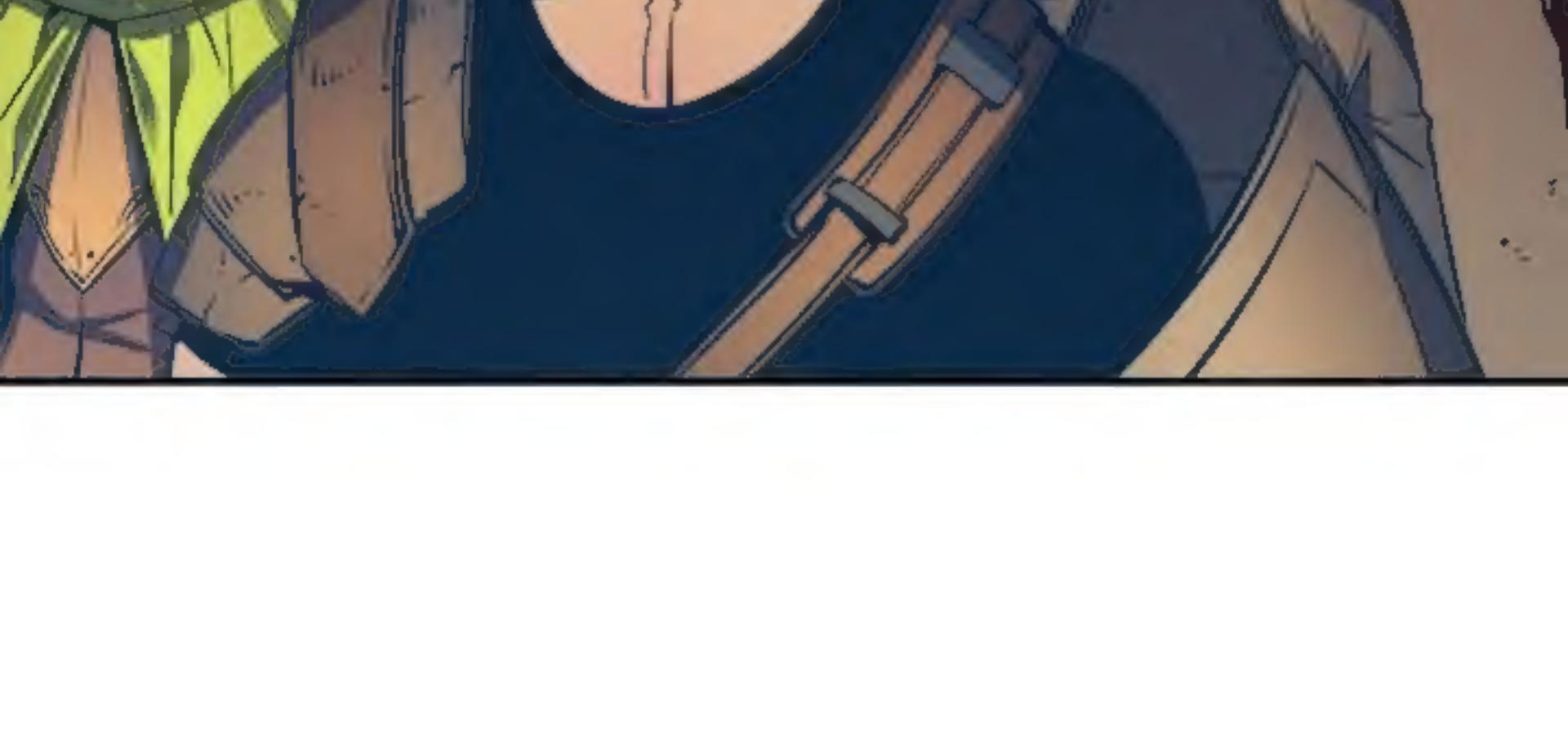
HUH?!

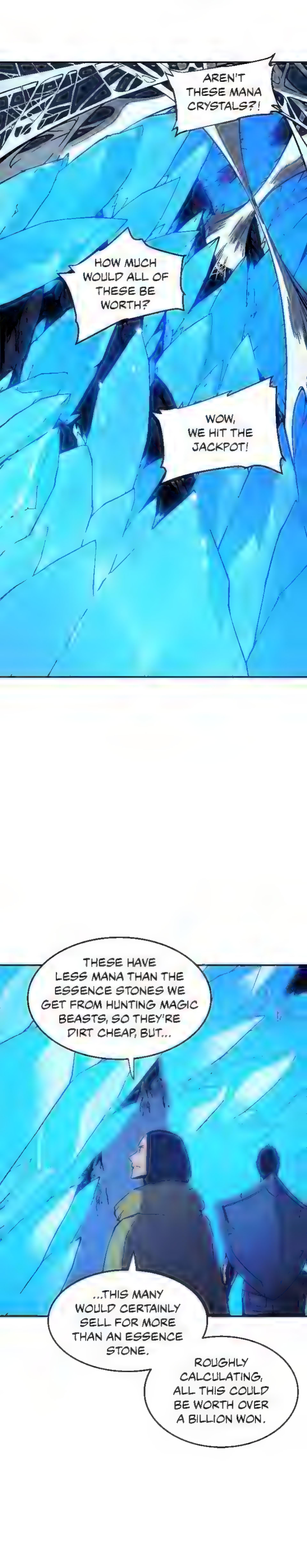


TH...THIS

IS...!

H, HOLY CRAP!





AREN'T
THESE MANA
CRYSTALS?!

HOW MUCH
WOULD ALL OF
THESE BE
WORTH?

WOW,
WE HIT THE
JACKPOT!

THESE HAVE
LESS MANA THAN THE
ESSENCE STONES WE
GET FROM HUNTING MAGIC
BEASTS, SO THEY'RE
DIRT CHEAP, BUT...

...THIS MANY
WOULD CERTAINLY
SELL FOR MORE
THAN AN ESSENCE
STONE.

ROUGHLY
CALCULATING,
ALL THIS COULD
BE WORTH OVER
A BILLION WON.



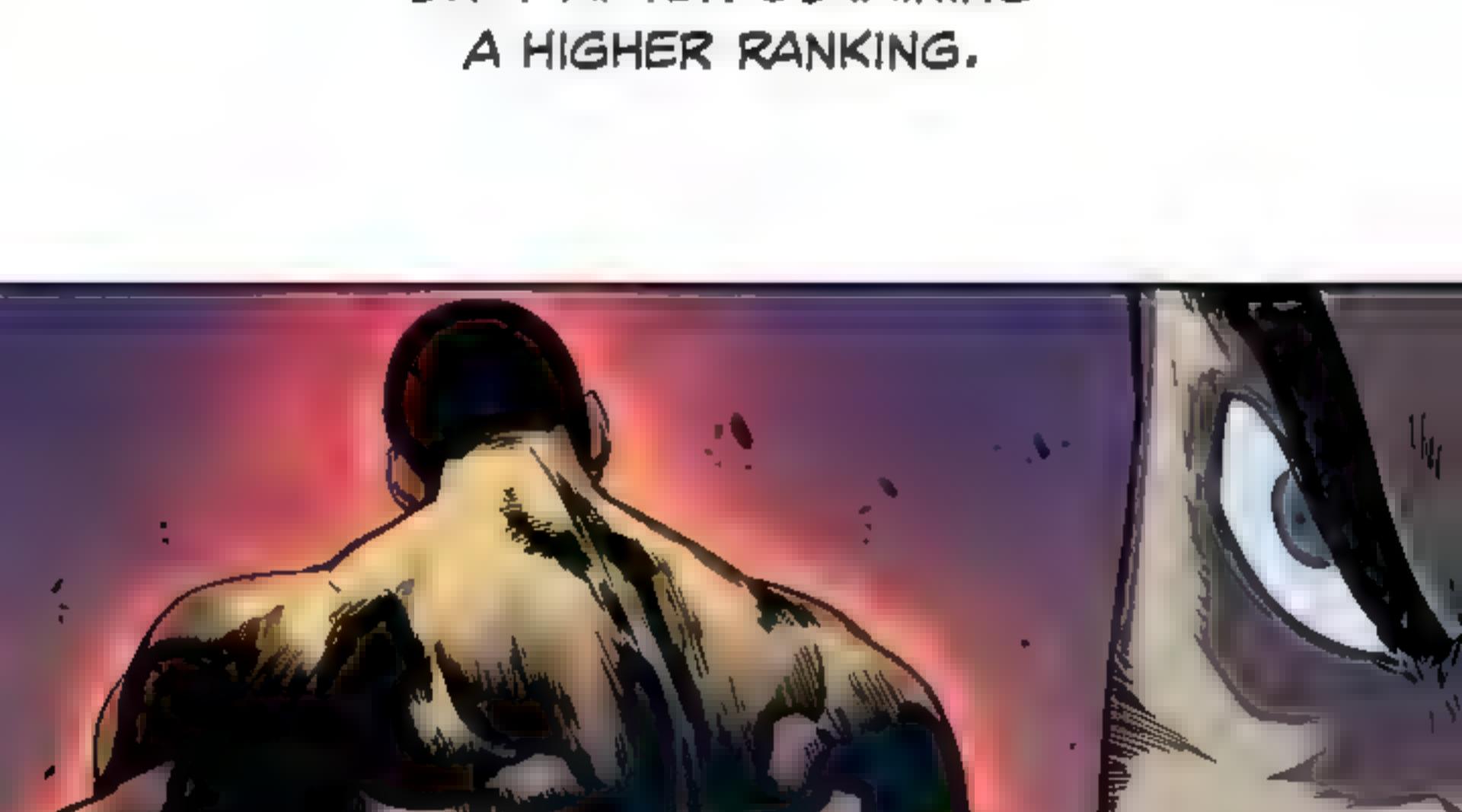
DONGSUK, WON'T
THIS MAKE YOUR
LITTLE BROTHER
JEALOUS?

DUDE!



DON'T
MENTION HIM,
ESPECIALLY AT
TIMES LIKE
THIS.

OOPS.



HWANG DONGSOO...
TAKE A LOOK.
YOU'RE NOT ALWAYS
RIGHT.

YOU TREATED ME LIKE
SH*T AFTER OBTAINING
A HIGHER RANKING.



HOW DARE YOU BETRAY
YOUR OWN COUNTRY AND
MOVE TO THE STATES
FOR MONEY?

YOU MUST
STILL THINK I'M
BENEATH YOU, HUH?
THEY PROBABLY TREAT
YOU LIKE SOME VIP
OVER THERE.

I KNOW
YOU SEE ME AS
A WEAKLING, BUT
THAT'S ALL ABOUT
TO CHANGE.

WITH THIS
OPPORTUNITY, MY
STRIKE SQUAD
WILL GROW.

WE HIT THE
JACKPOT, GUYS.
A BILLION DIVIDED
BY NINE IS STILL
100 MILLION.

JINWOO,
GIVE ME THE
CONTRACT YOU
SIGNED.

I'M AN EXPERT
WHEN IT COMES
TO THIS KIND
OF STUFF.

EXCUSE ME,
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU
ALL SOMETHING.



MR. HWANG,
THIS IS JINWOO'S
CONTRACT.

AS YOU CAN
SEE, IT ONLY STATES
HOW THE ESSENCE
STONES GAINED FROM
HUNTING WILL BE DIVIDED.
NOTHING ABOUT HOW THE
OTHER GOODS WILL
BE DISTRIBUTED.

CAN YOU
EXPLAIN WHY
THAT PART WAS
LEFT OUT?

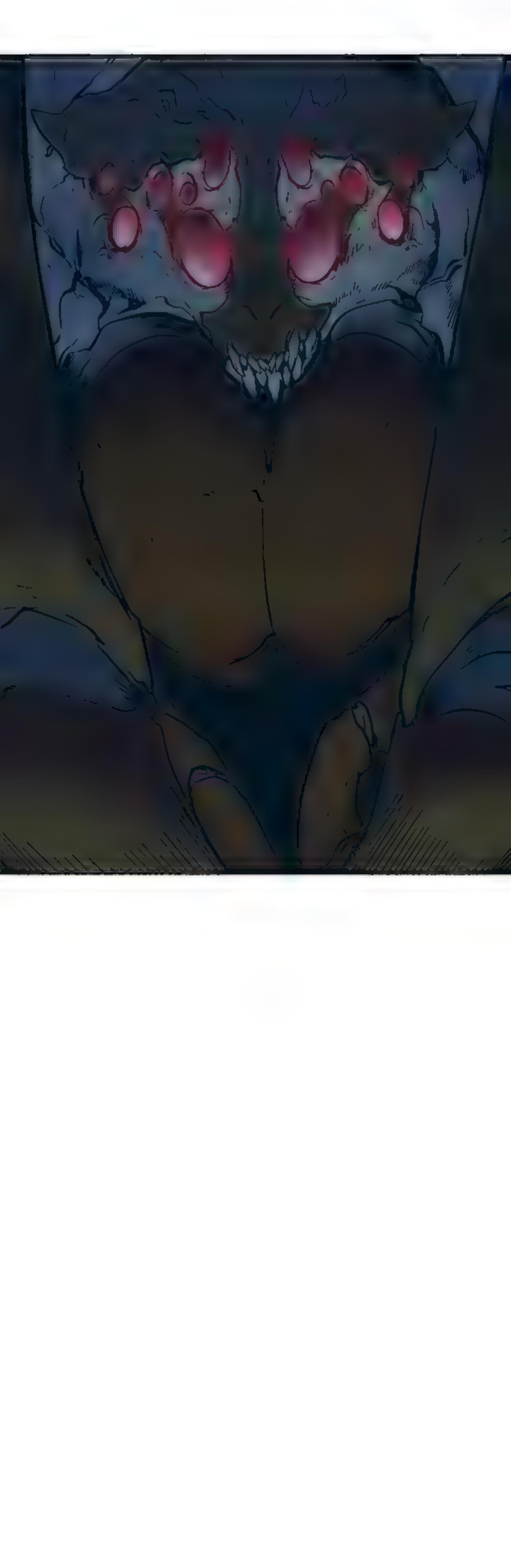
SHOULDN'T THE
MANA CRYSTALS BE
SPLIT AMONG THE
10 OF US, NOT
NINE?





BUT BEFORE
THAT, THERE'S
SOMETHING
WE NEED TO
CARE OF.

?!



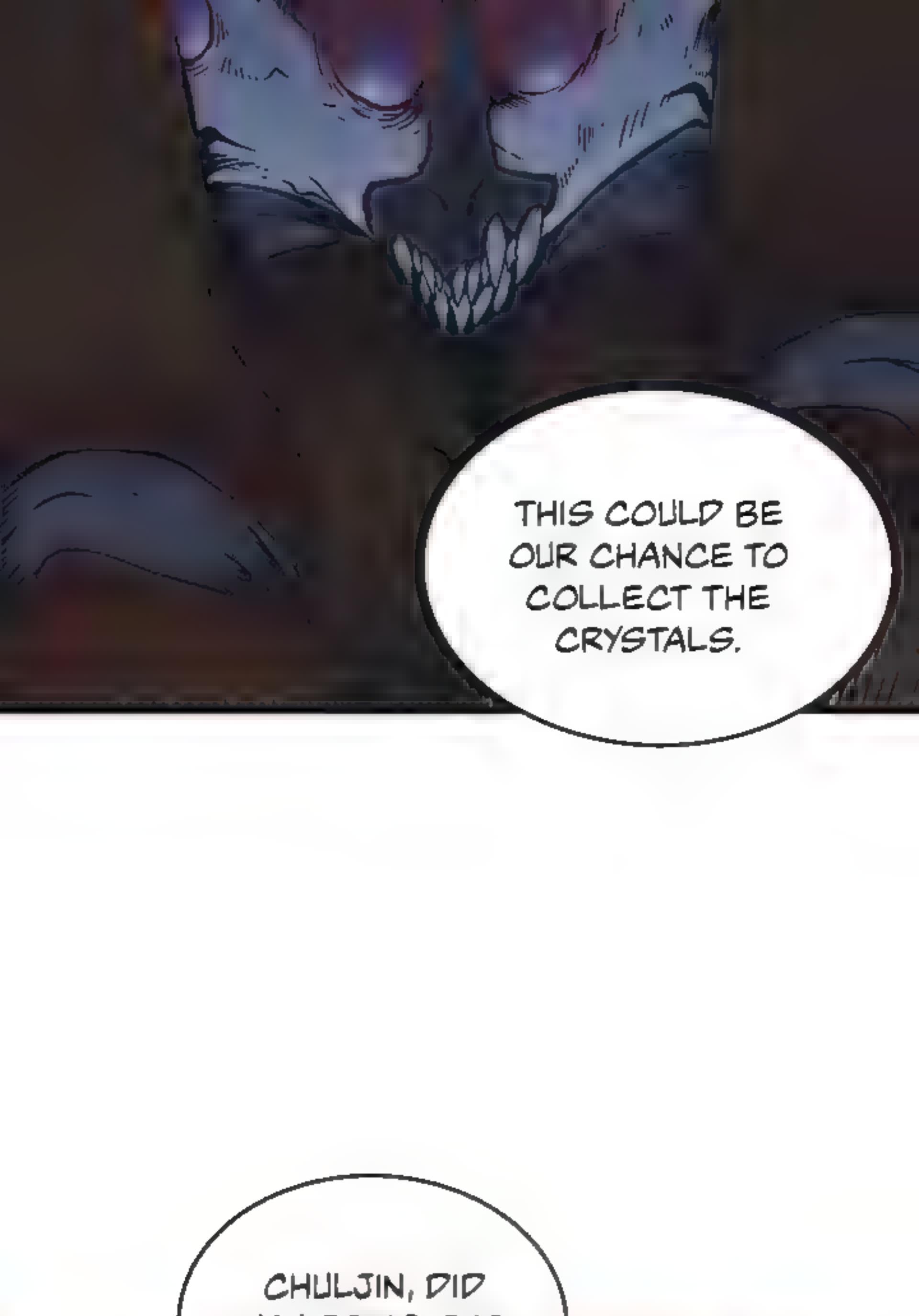


THE DUNGEON BOSS...

AS YOU GUYS MAY KNOW ALREADY, THE GATE WILL CLOSE ONCE WE DEFEAT THE BOSS.

SO BEFORE WE DEFEAT THAT SPIDER, WE NEED TO FIRST MINE THE MANA CRYSTALS AND TRANSPORT THEM.

THANKFULLY, IT LOOKS LIKE THE SPIDER'S ASLEEP 'CAUSE HE'S FULL...



THIS COULD BE
OUR CHANCE TO
COLLECT THE
CRYSTALS.



CHULJIN, DID
YOU BRING THE
EQUIPMENT?

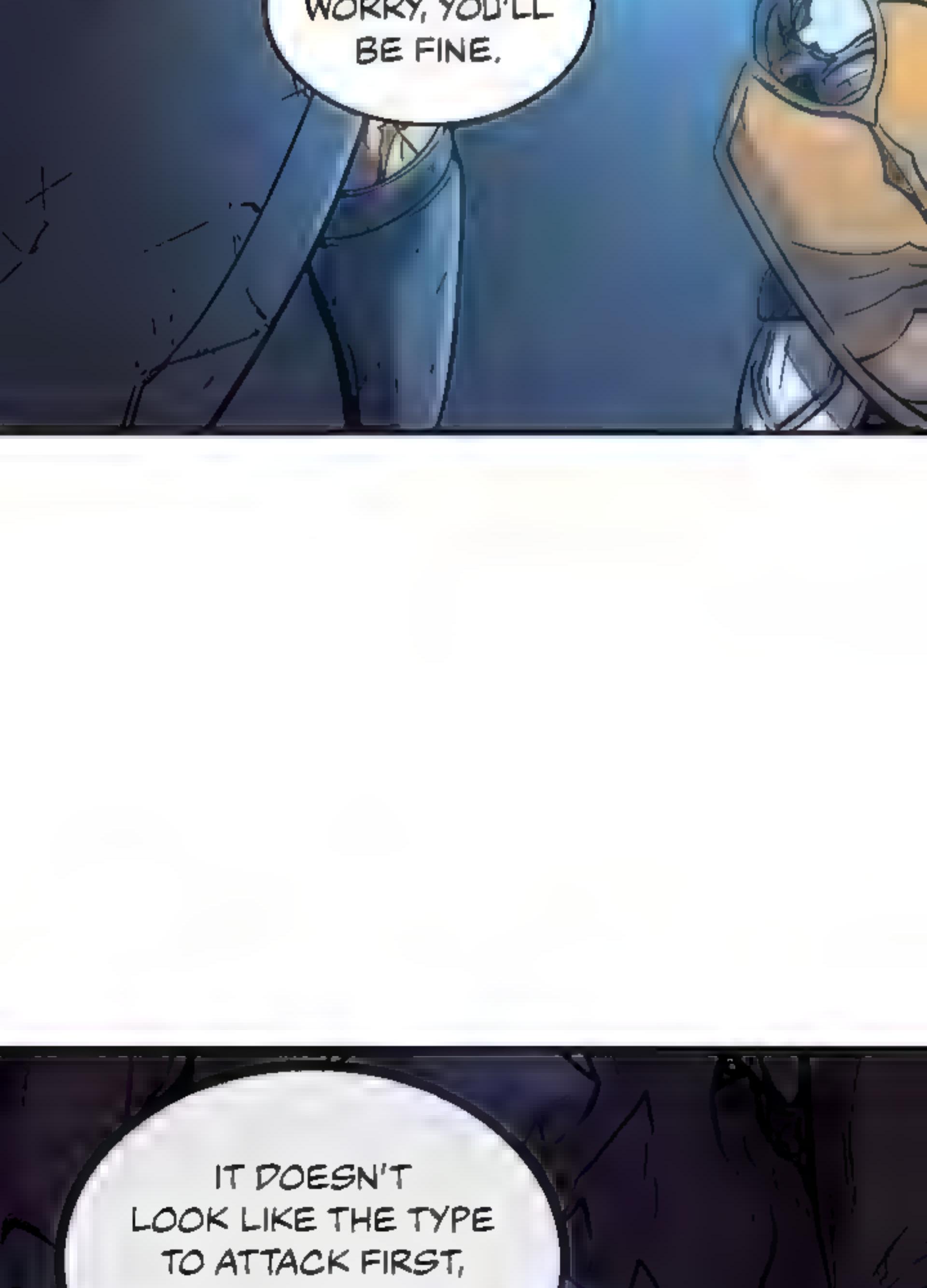


NOPE.
WHO WOULD'VE
KNOWN THERE'D BE
MANA CRYSTALS
IN A C-RANK
DUNGEON?



I LEFT
ALL THE MINING
EQUIPMENT BACK
IN THE CAR.

COME ON, MAN...
I ALWAYS TELL YOU
TO DO A THOROUGH
PREPARATION.





...AND IT
SEEMS LIKE
IT'S FAST ASLEEP
AFTER EATING A
LOT OF FOOD.

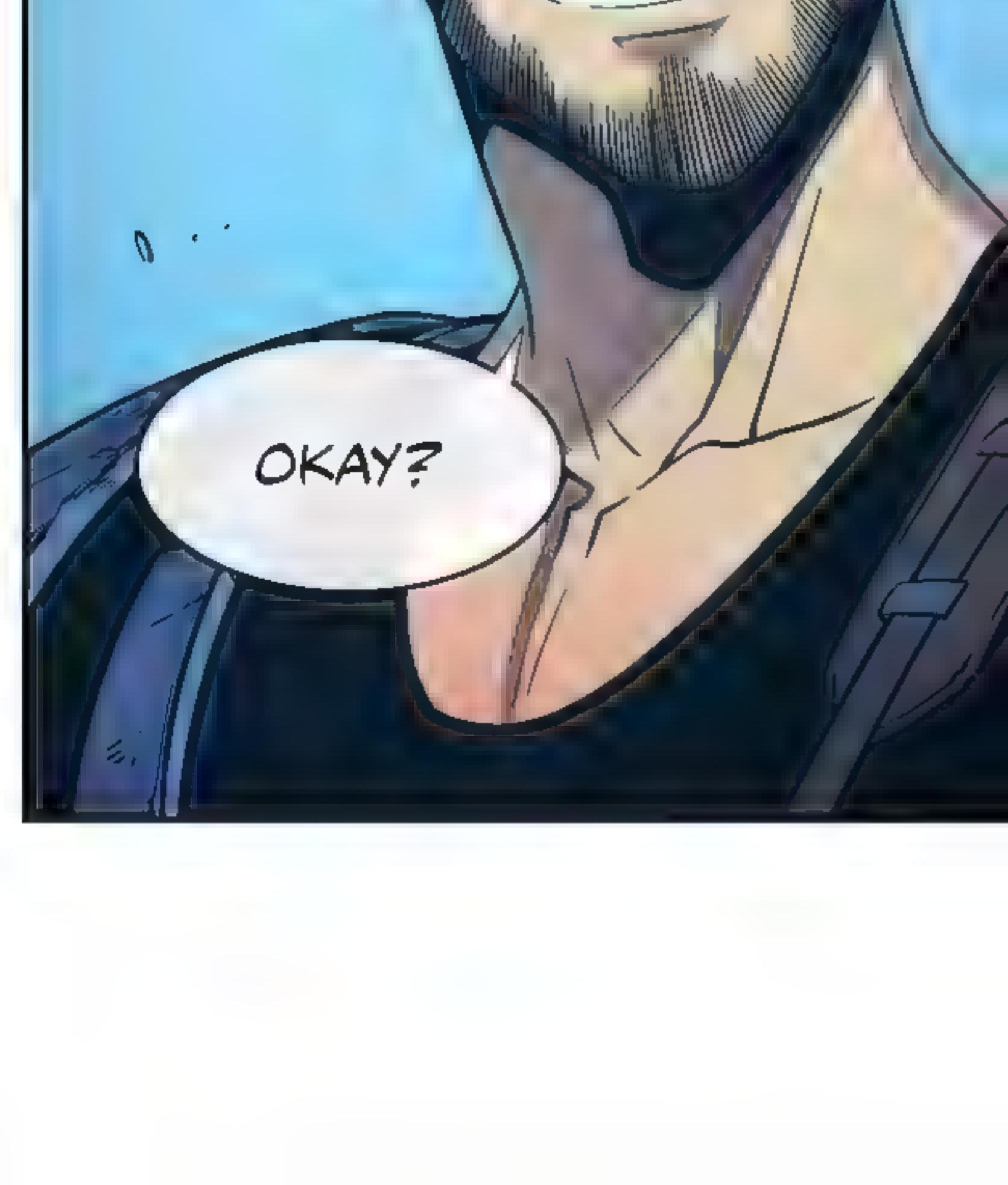
YOU'LL BE
OKAY, AS LONG AS
YOU DON'T GO OUT
OF YOUR WAY TO
PROVOKE IT.



BUT...

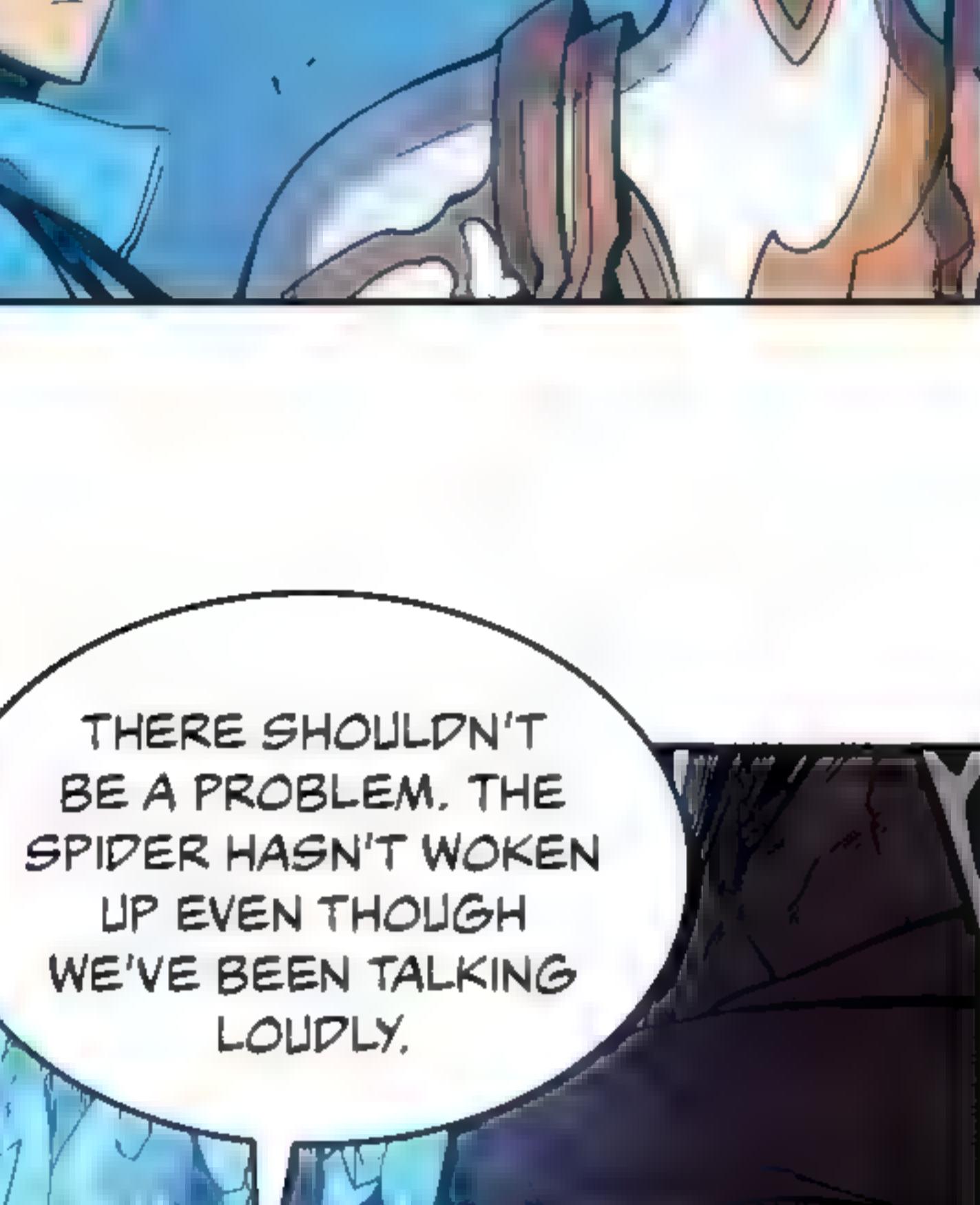
YOO JINHO,
YOU SAID THIS IS
YOUR FIRST RAID,
RIGHT?

AND SUNG JINWOO,
THIS IS YOUR FIRST
TIME IN A C-RANK
DUNGEON.



YOU CAN
TRUST ME.

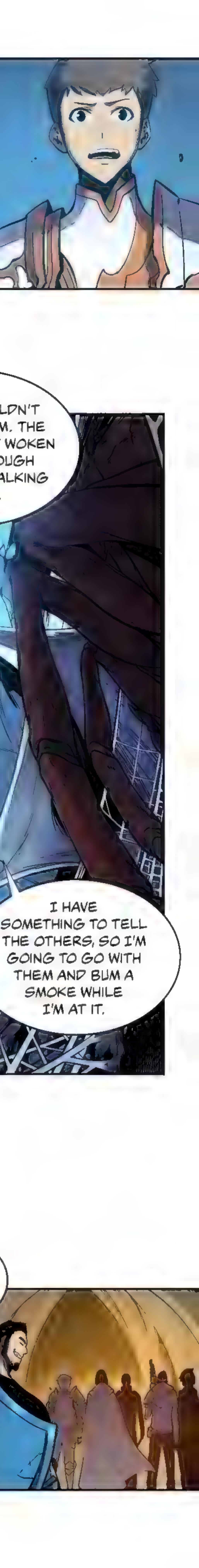
OKAY?



THERE SHOULDN'T
BE A PROBLEM. THE
SPIDER HASN'T WOKEN
UP EVEN THOUGH
WE'VE BEEN TALKING
LOUDLY.

I HAVE
SOMETHING TO TELL
THE OTHERS, SO I'M
GOING TO GO WITH
THEM AND BUM A
SMOKE WHILE
I'M AT IT.
...

ALL RIGHT
THEN, WE'LL
BE BACK.



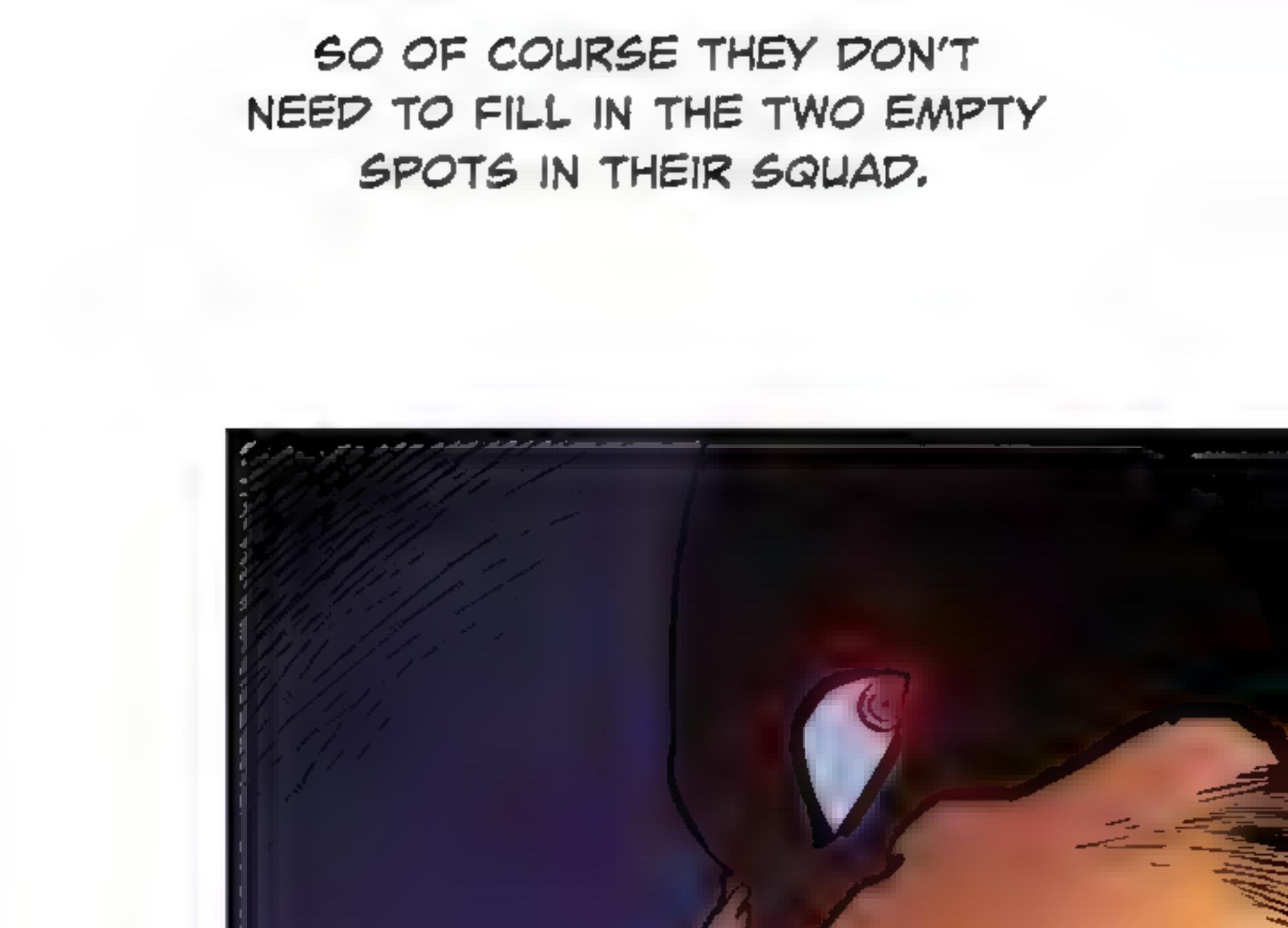
MEMBERS IN THE STRIKE SQUAD,
EXCLUDING ME AND YOO JINHO.



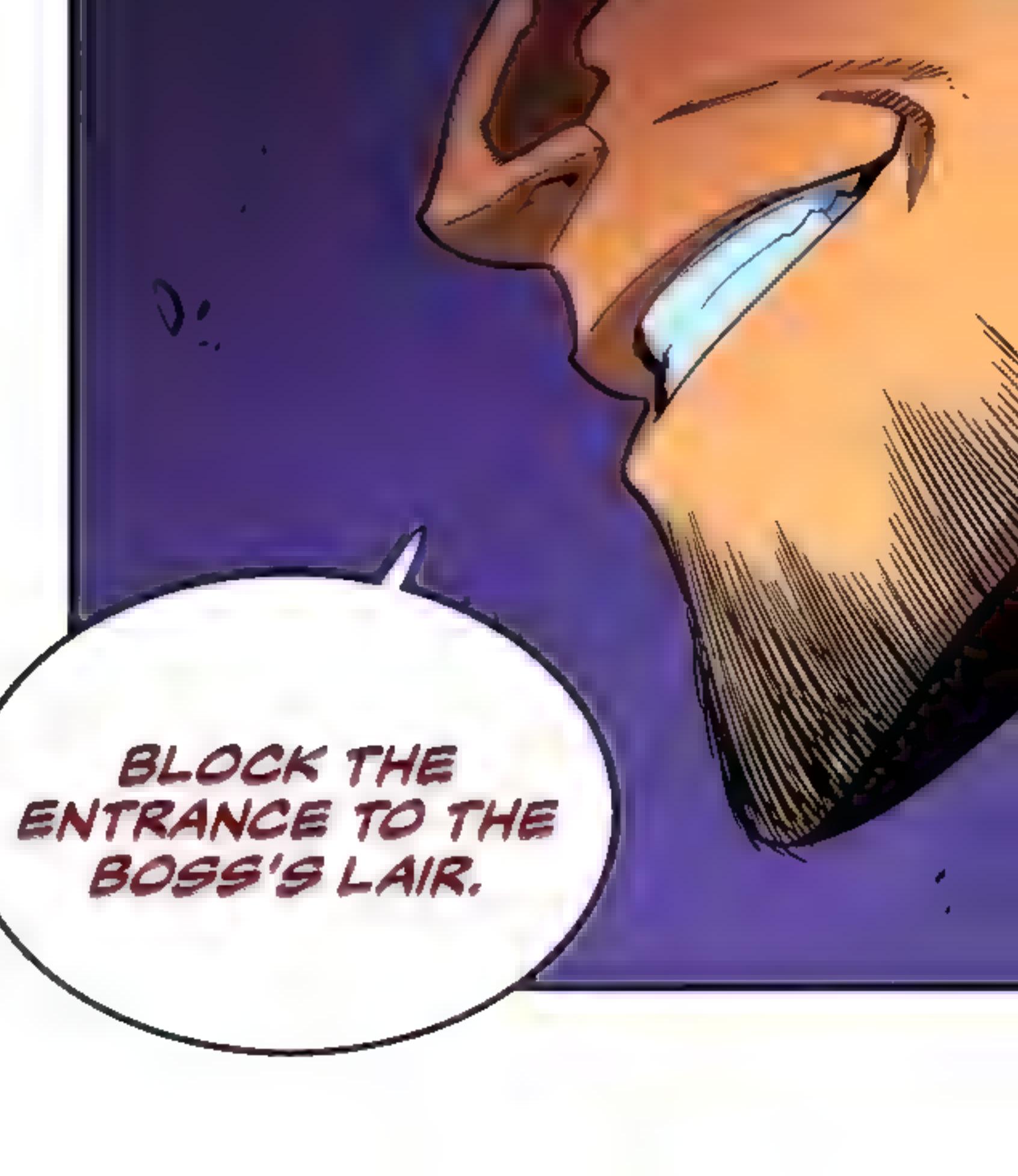
HWANG DONGSUK SAID THEY'VE BEEN

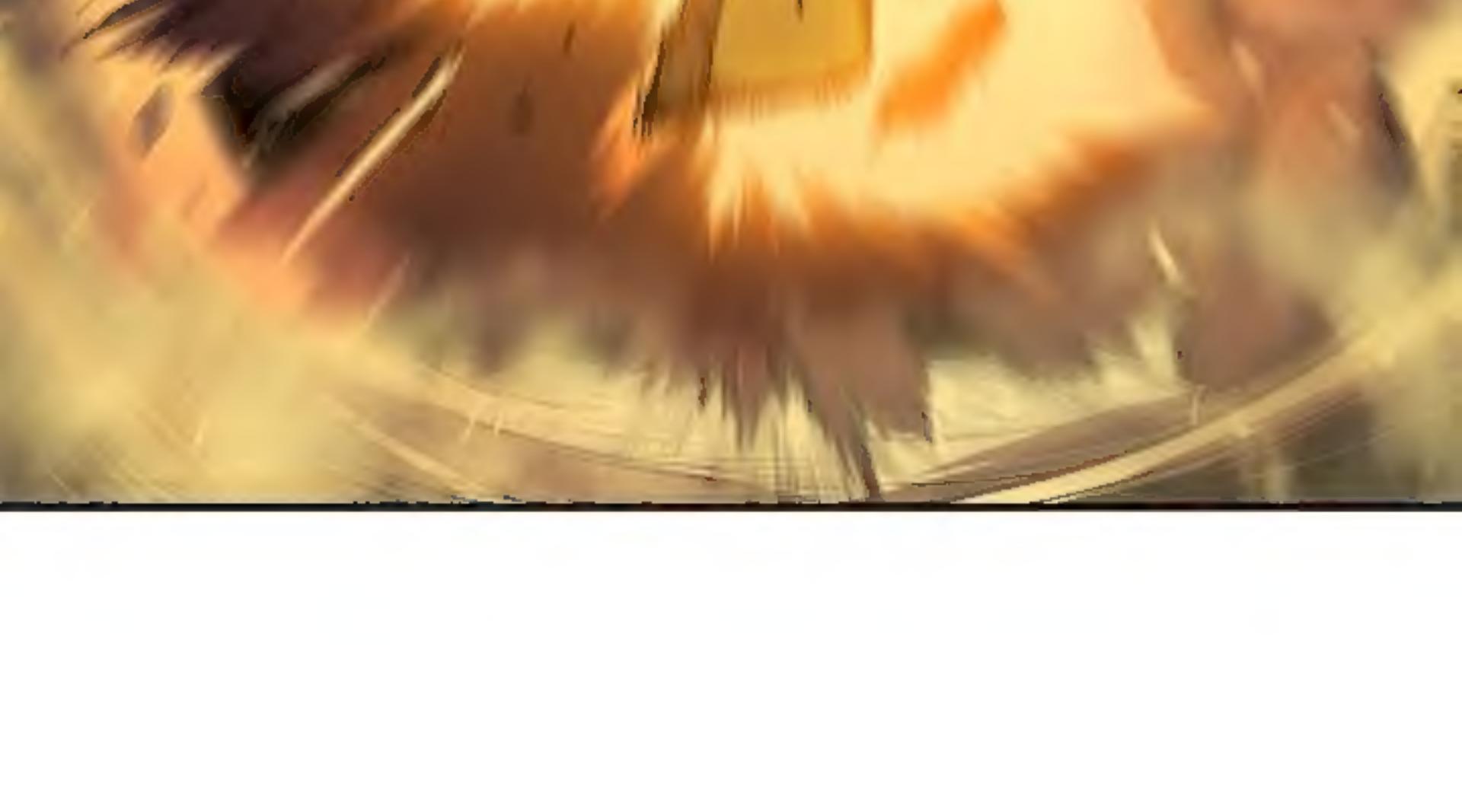
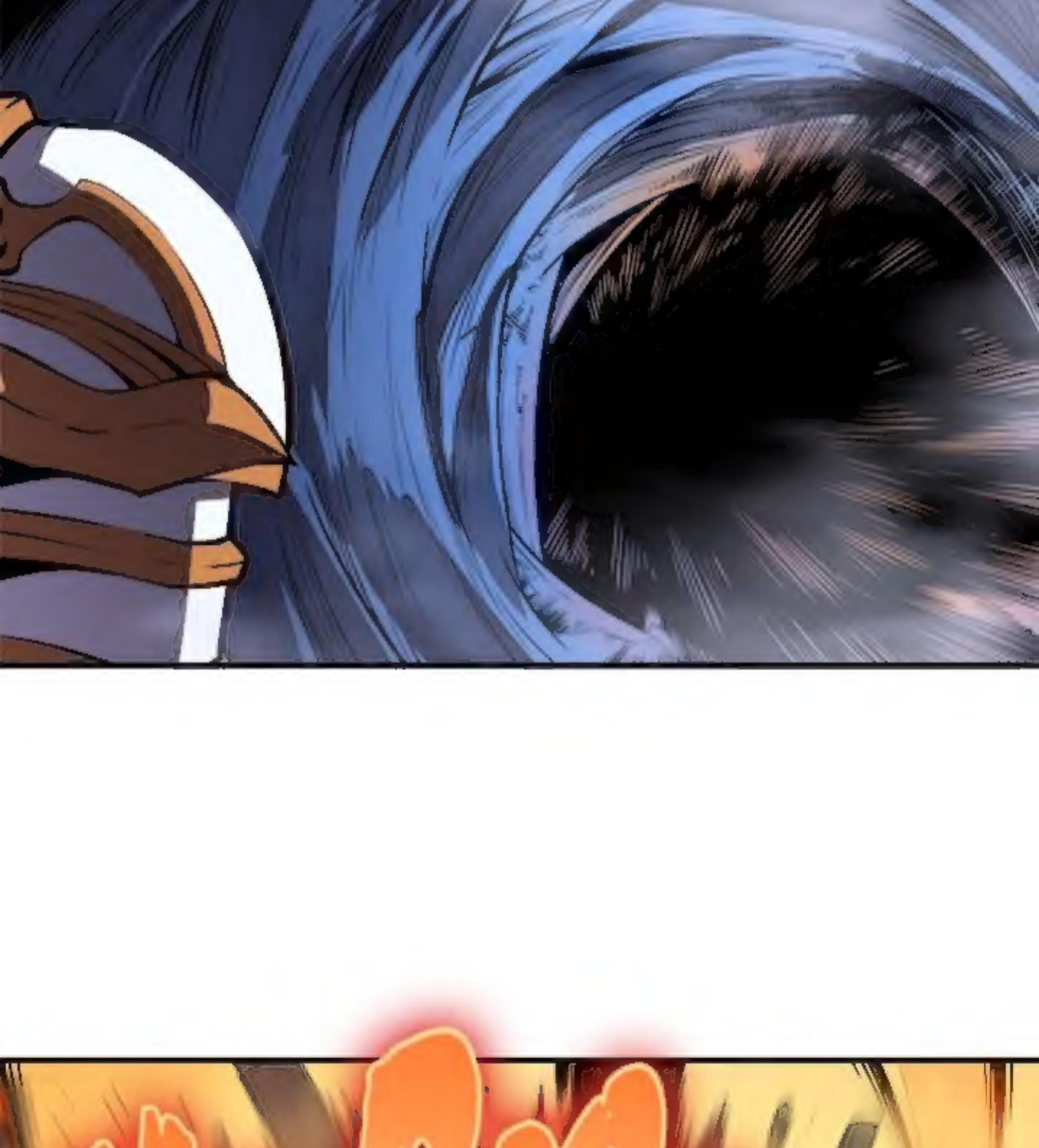
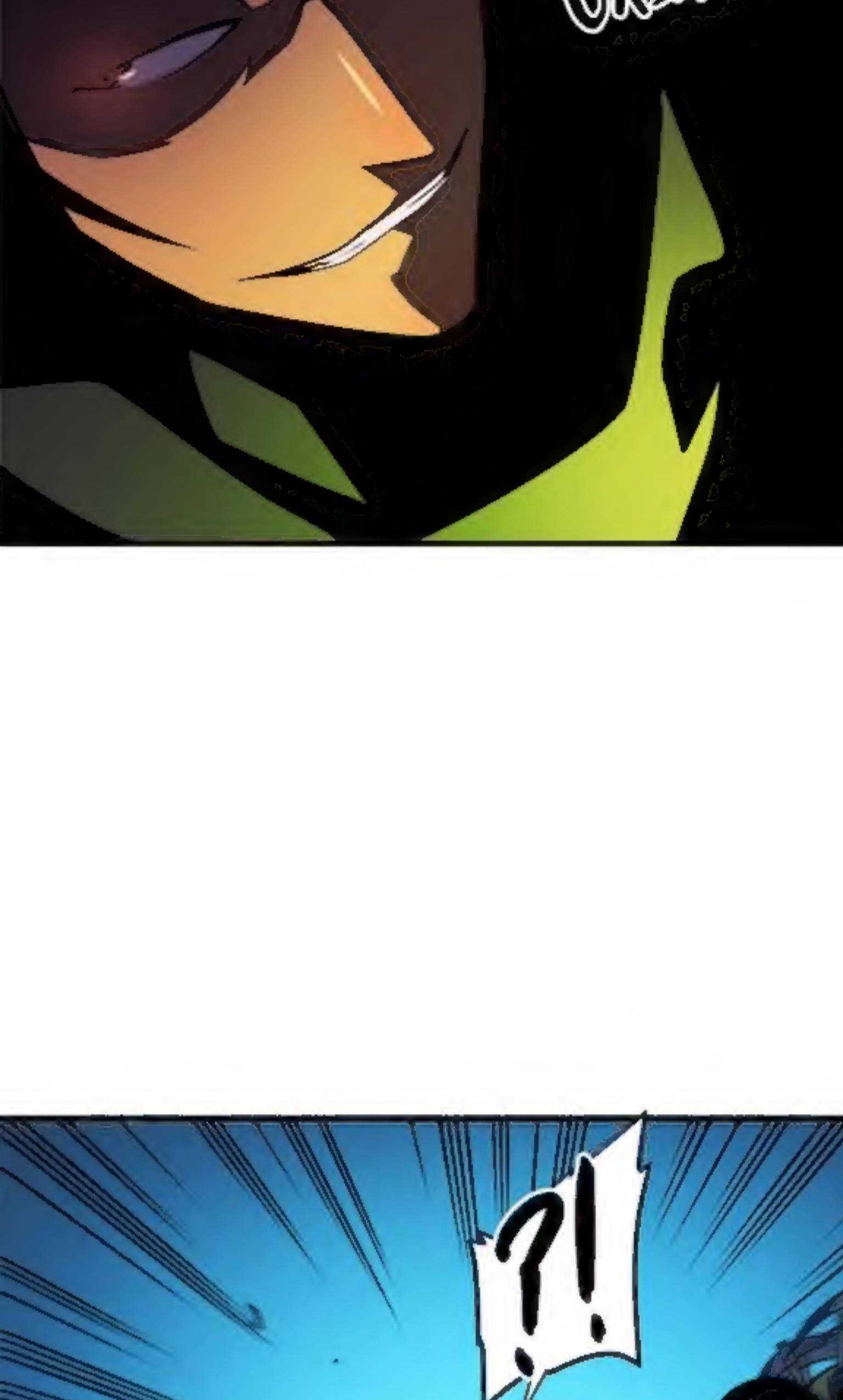
WORKING LIKE THIS FOR A LONG TIME.

THAT MEANS THEY'VE BEEN IN AND
OUT OF A LOT OF C-RANK GATES.



SO OF COURSE THEY DON'T
NEED TO FILL IN THE TWO EMPTY
SPOTS IN THEIR SQUAD.





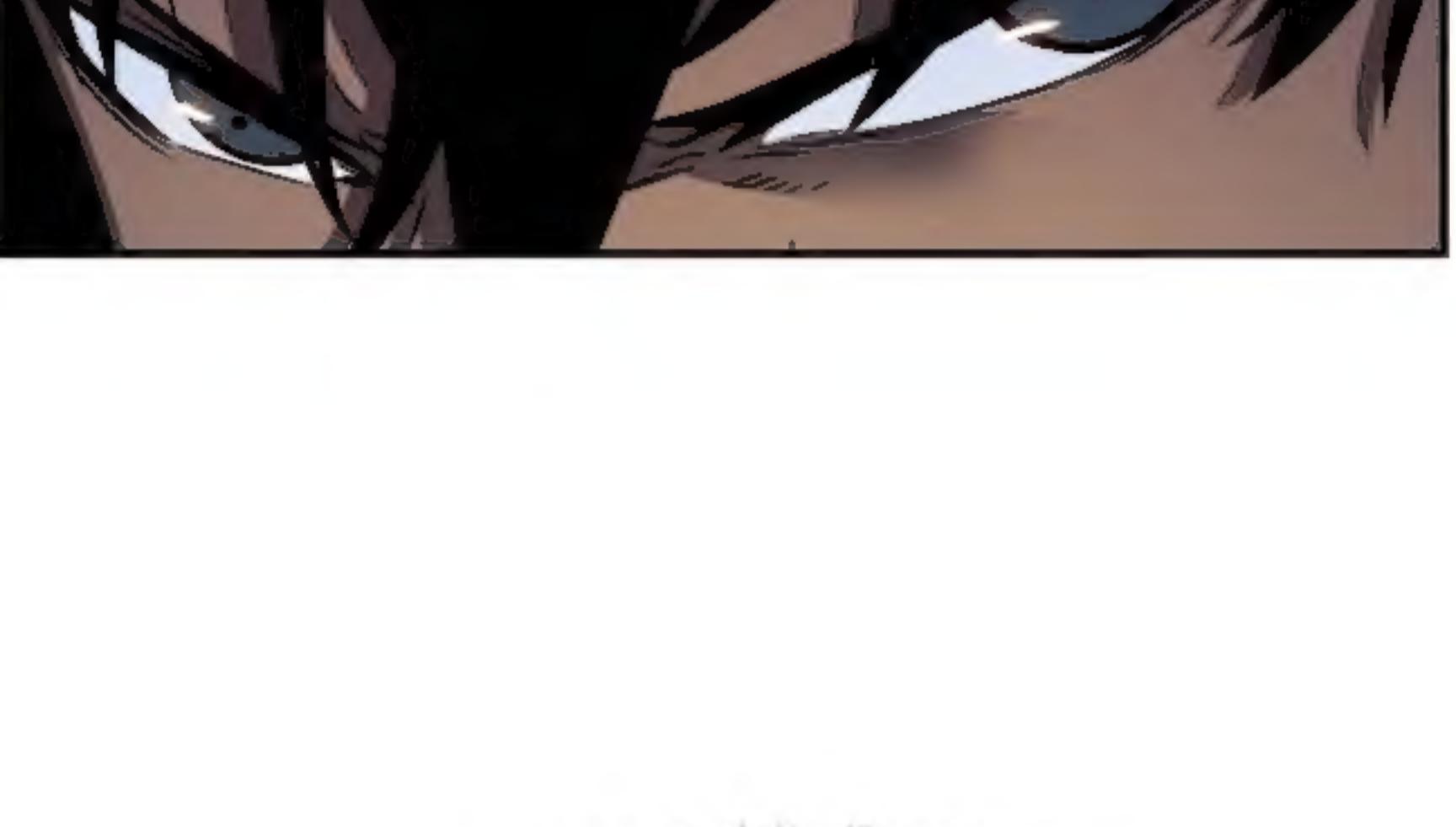
RUMBLE

UHH,
UHHH!

RUMBLE

THE
E, ENTRANCE!!

JUST AS I THOUGHT...



**THEY'RE
THE "LIZARDS"!**



To Be Continued...



Solo Leveling

D&C
WEBTOON

Translator: JJoelle

Editor: Michelle Kim

QA/QC: Jen Lee